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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Charles GERDAY et al.

Application No.: 10/803,055

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For: COLD-ACTIVE BETA GALACTOSIDASE,
THE PROCESS FOR ITS PREPARATION
AND THE USE THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

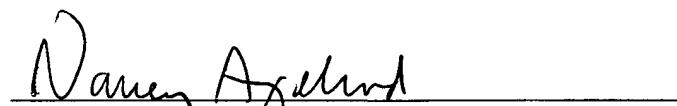
Responsive to the Office Action dated August 31, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group III, as defined on page 2 of the Office Action (directed to a DNA sequence that encodes a cold-active beta galactosidase). This election is made with traverse, at least because the Examiner has not even alleged that an undue searching burden would be required in examining the full scope of the claims. In short, the requirements for a proper restriction have not been established.

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No fee is believed to be due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0261, referencing 31601-201282.

Respectfully submitted,

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